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SUBJECT: CANADAIN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON ARAB-ISRAELI WAR

1. SUMMARY: AT PARLIAMENT DEBATE ON ARAB- ISRAELI WAR EVENING OCT 16, EXTAFF MINISTER SHARP REAFFIRMED CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE TERMS OF UNSC RES 242. HE STRESSED RIGHT OF STATE OF ISRAEL TO EXIST AND REITERATED CANADIAN OFFER TO PARTICIPATE IN PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES. SHARP EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GREAT POWERS WOULD USE THEIR RESTRAINING INFLUENCE.OPPOSITION FOREIGN AFFAIRS CRITIC CLAUDE WAGNER ECHOED SHARP'S VIEW BUT TOOK MARKEDLY STRONGER POSITION IN CRITICIZING SOVIET ACTIONS IN PRESENT CONFLICT. NDP CRITIC BREWIN ALSO SPOKE OF DESIRABILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS UNDER UNSC RES 242. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE INITIATIVE OF PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION, A DEBATE ON ARAB-ISRAELI WAR WAS HELD EVENING OCT. 16. SECSTATE FOR EXTAFF AND ACTING PRIMIN MITCHELL SHARP OPENED DEBATE BY DEPLORING EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN ACTS BREAKING 1967 MIDDLE EAST TRUCE. HE

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SAID "CANADIAN EFFORTS MUST BE DIRECTED AT STOPPING

THE FIGHTING AND STARTING THE PROCESS OF ACHIEVING BY PEACEFUL MEANS A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT". SHARP EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT CONFLICT "MAY HAVE WIDER IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WORLD AT LARGE AND MAY INDEED ENDANGER THE WHOLE PROCESS OF DETENTE TOWARD WHICH EASTERN AND WESTERN GOVERNMENTS HAD BEEN WORKING." SHARP EXPRESSED CANADA'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR UNSC RES 242 (1967) AND NOTED THAT THIS RESOLUTION IS "THE ONLY TEXT IN THE WHOLE 25 YEARS OF RECENT MIDDLE EASTERN HISTORY THAT HAS MET WITH WIDE ACCEPTANCE." HE SAID, "WE STILL BELIEVE THAT IT CONSTITUTES THE ONLY SUITABLE AND AVAILABLE FRAMEWORK FOR PEACE."

3. SHARP NOTED "THAT EVEN THE GREATEST POWERS CANNOT IMPOSE A SETTLEMENT BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, MAY BE DRAWN INTO THE CONFLICT ON OPPOSING SIDES THEREBY ENDANGERING THEIR OWN ATTEMPTS AT OPENING A DIALOGUE."

4. SHARP SAID "CANADIAN POLICY... BEGINS FROM PREMISE THAT THE STATE OF ISRAEL HAS A RIGHT TO EXIST AND TO EXIST BEHIND SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES... THE FIRST STATE TO RECOGNIZE ITS BOUNDARIES MUST BE ITS NEIGHBORS... THE FRONTIERS OF ISRAEL MUST BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THESE NEIGHBOR STATES AND ISRAEL IN ORDER THAT THEY WILL BE ACCEPTED BY ALL."

5. SHARP NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE STATEMENT OF THE NINE EC MEMBERS CALLING FOR "TRUE NEGOTIATIONS" IN AN "APPROPRIATE" FORUM" IN ACCORDANCE WITH RES 242.

6. SHARP REITERATED CANADA'S WILLINGNESS TO PLAY A PART IN A UN CONTEXT "IF THERE IS A USEFUL ROLE FOR US." HE SAID CANADA "COULD ENVISAGE A CONTRIBUTION TO PEACEKEEPING." HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE "WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT WOULD FIRST HAVE TO AGREE ON THE BASIS OF A SETTLEMENT AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SUCH A FORCE."

7. SHARP SAID THAT "OTHERS HAVE GROWING RESPONSIBILITIES AND CAN EITHER PROLONG HOSTILITIES OR EXERT GREAT INFLUENCE IN THE DIRECTION OF PEACE. THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS OF ARMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO BOTH SIDES OBVIOUSLY CAN EXERT A MODERATING OR STIMULATING INFLUENCE". SHARP NOTED THE CALL BY US SECSTATE KISSINGER FOR MODERATION ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET UNION. SHARP SAID "IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD HAVE CONTINUED SUPPLYING ARMS SINCE THIS APPEAL WAS MADE AND, OF COURSE, WE NOW HAVE THE SITUATION IN WHICH THE US IN ITS TURN HAS ALSO FELT COMPELLED TO DO SO".

8. SHARP SAID HE EXPECTED NO CANADIAN INITIATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS AT THIS TIME. HE SAID HE HAD CONVEYED GOC VIEWS TO THE AMBASSADORS OF ARAB COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN OTTAWA AS WELL AS TO THE AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL, AND THE AMBASSADOR OF SOVIET UNION. HE NOTED THAT PRIMIN TRUDEAU HAD URGED CHINESE LEADERS TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE FOR PEACE. HE SAID CANADA WILL CONTINUE ITS LONG-STANDING EMBARGO OF CANADIAN ARMS TO PARTIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

9. OPPOSITION (PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE) FOREIGN AFFAIRS CRITIC CLAUDE WAGNER ECHOED MANY OF MINISTER SHARP'S SENTIMENTS AND SAID HIS PARTY IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT ANY REASONABLE EFFORTS OF THE GOC TO BRING ABOUT A CEASE-FIRE. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT "CANADA WAS A PARTY TO THE UN VOTE THAT CREATED THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND MUST THEREFORE SHARE THE COMMITMENT EXPRESSED BY THE UN THAT ISRAEL HAD A RIGHT TO EXIST." WAGNER SAID IT IS CLEAR THAT "THERE ARE POWERS THAT DO NOT WANT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST." HE SAID IT IS "INCOMPREHENSIBLE AND FRANKLY PUZZLING THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD PURSUE A POLICY OF UPSETTING THE EXISTING POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHILE SUING FOR PEACE, DETENTE AND UNDERSTANDING ELSEWHERE". HE SAID "THE PRESENT DIFFICULTY COULD NOT BE LAID AT ISRAEL'S DOOR. A MASSIVE SOVIET-BUILT FORCE WAS SET AGAINST ISRAEL ON HER SOUTHERN AND NORTHER FLANK." HE SAID THE GOC CAN BEST RESPOND TO THE CONCERNS OF ARAB AND JEWISH GROUPS BY SEEKING INITIATIVES THAT WILL TRULY OPEN CHANNELS OF PEACE FROM BOTH SIDES. HE SAID "THIS MAY INVOLVE SOME FRANK EXCHANGES BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENT AND THE SOVIET UNION".

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QPM NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP) FOREIGN AFFAIRS CRITIC ANDREW BREWIN SAID THAT NEGOTIATION COULD ONLY TAKE PLACE ON THE BASIS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RES 242. HE SAID THE "INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY OF ISRAEL IS A NATIONAL CONCERN WHICH COULD NOT BE ABANDONED WITHOUT SHAME TO THE WORLD THAT ACCEPTED IT, AND, INDEED, CREATED IT." BREWIN CALLED FOR BOTH "SUPER-POWERS TO CONTAIN THEIR DANGEROUS RACE TO ARM THEIR FRIENDS IN THIS EXPLOSIVE AREA." HE SAID THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD REVIVE THE PROPOSAL FOR AN ARMS BAN.  
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